8. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 wherein the monobasic acid is selected from the group consisting of abietic acid, hydrogenated abietic acid and their salts.

9. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 wherein the monobasic acid is selected from the group consisting of rosins, hydrogenated rosins and disproportionated rosins.

10. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 wherein the metal M is copper or zinc.

11. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 wherein the ratio of the monobasic acid to the acrylic resin constituting the metal-containing acrylic resin is 0.9/1.1 to 1.2/0.8 by weight on a nonvolatile matter basis.

Please add the following new claims:

13. (New) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 comprising an additional binder resin in a weight ratio, on a nonvolatile basis, of (metal-containing acrylic resin)/(additional binder resin) = 100/0 to 30/70.

14. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 2 wherein the acrylic resin constituting said metal-containing acrylic resin has an acid value of 80 to 300 mg KOH/g and a glass transition temperature of not higher than 5°C.

15. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 2 wherein the monobasic acid has an acid value of less than 200 mg KOH/g.

16. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 3 wherein the monobasic acid has an acid value of less than 200 mg KOH/g.